

### **REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated October 14, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 14, 2008. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-18 and 20 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 7, 8, 9 and 17 are amended for clarity. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference. Claims 7-9 stand rejected. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for the reasons presented below.

#### ***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112***

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended claims 7, 8 and 9 to obviate the rejection. Support for the amendment can be found at least at page 14, line 16-page 15, line 6 of the original specification. Applicant submits that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicant submits that claims 7, 8 and 9 are clear to one of skill in the art and are fully supported by the original specification at least at page 14, line 16-page 15, line 6. Applicant submits that the claims as amended are in proper form. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7, 8 and 9 is respectfully requested.

#### ***Claim Objections***


Claim 8 is objected to by the Examiner. Applicant has amended claim 8 and submits that the claim as amended is in proper form. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 1-6, 10-18, and 20.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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